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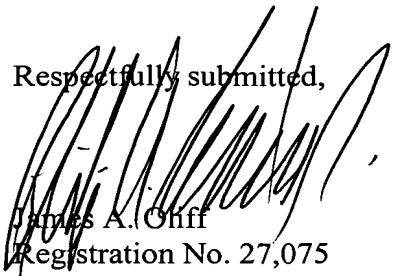
Claims 1 - 12 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, the specification and claim 12 are amended to correct typographical errors.

Specifically, the specification and claim 12 are amended to replace the incorrect unit of $10^{-5}/^{\circ}\text{C}$ with the correct unit of $10^{-6}/^{\circ}\text{C}$. The reference to $10^{-5}/^{\circ}\text{C}$ in the specification is clearly a typographical error, and one skilled in the art of ceramics would understand that the correct thermal expansion coefficient unit for cordierite is $10^{-6}/^{\circ}\text{C}$. For example, see U.S. Patent No. 4,851,376, which identifies the unit of the thermal expansion coefficient of cordierite as $10^{-6}/^{\circ}\text{C}$. For the Examiner's convenience, a copy of this U.S. Patent is attached. For these reasons, the amendments correcting this unit in the specification and in claim 12 merely correct typographical errors and do not introduce new matter.

The specification is further amended to replace the incorrect citation JP-A-3-72032 with the correct citation JP-B-3-72032, and to include a reference to JP-B-3-72032's U.S. counterpart (U.S. Patent No. 4,851,376). These specification amendments also merely correct typographical errors and do not introduce new matter.

Prompt and favorable consideration on the merits is respectfully requested.

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